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advancement of LB 651 as amended. All those in favor vote aye. Those opposed vote nay. Senator Savage voting aye. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 8 nays, 15 not voting.

SENATOR SAVAGE: The bill is advanced as amended. At this time, I noticed, seeing it placed this way, but there is 20 young farmers with their wives in the North balcony and would you please stand and be recognized by some of us old farmers. They are from Exeter, Nebraska in Senator Bereuter's District.

CLERK: Mr. President, there is some material that should be read in the Journal. An amendment to Legislative Resolution #103 by Senator Barnett. See pages 328, 329 and 330. Notice of Committee Hearings, Banking, Commerce and Insurance. Page 330, Journal. Notice of Committee Hearing, Ag Committee. Page 330, Journal. Communication from the Executive Office. See page 330 and 331, Journal. Read. Mr. President, your Committee on Banking, Commerce and Insurance to whom was referred LB 649 instructs me to report the same to the Legislature the recommendation it be advanced to General File as amended; LB 704 General File as amended. Mr. President, notice of Public Hearings, Public Health has set hearings. Signed Senator Kennedy, Chairman. See page 331, Journal. That is all, Mr. President. The next bill up is LB 640 introduced by the Judiciary Committee and signed by the members thereof. Read title. There are no Committee amendments or other amendments pending.

SENATOR SAVAGE: May I interrupt just a moment. We want to add Senator Maresh's name to the District that some of these folks are from. He just called me and told me that some of them are from his District. Senator Luedtke.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Mr. President, I move that LB 640 be advanced to E & R Initial. LB 640 is a Judiciary Committee bill introduced at the request of the Commissioner on Judicial Qualifications and it is a very important bill because with our merit plan for the selection of judges, in any such merit plan there is always the question, well, how can you get rid of these judges if they are not performing their task properly, if they have other things going in their lives which cannot otherwise be brought to the attention of the public for dismissal or getting rid of the judges, these sort of things. Well, LB 640 is very important in the process of the Commission on Judicial Qualifications dealing with judges and bringing a special master or hearing officer into the situation of finding out whether judges have committed crimes. In other words, if there is any criminal activity on the part of a judge while he is serving on the bench, the only way you could get this, commission to be able to act against him, would be to have that witness to be willing to come before the Judicial Qualifications Commission and testify. Now the bill protects the right against self-incrimination, the 5th amendment, because obviously, if a person was in